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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (BREZEZINSKI, ZBIGNIEW)
SUBJECT: BRZEZINSKI VISIT SCHEDULE

REF: (A) SEOUL 4015, (B) STATE 122723

1. EMBASSY WILL PROCEED WITH SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT INDICATED
REF B, HOWEVER, WE WOULD LIKE TO FLAG TWO POINTS FOR WASHINGTON
CONSIDERATION REGARDING THE NEW SCHEDULE:

(A) CALLING ON THE PRESIDENT FIRST GOES AGAINST NORMAL
PRACTICE WHICH IS TO CAP A VISIT WITH A CALL ON THE PRESIDENT.
THIS PROCEDURE ALLOWS THE PRESIDENT TO GET SOME FEEDBACK FROM
HIS MINISTERS PRIOR TO THE MEETING AND TO BETTER PREPARE
HIMSELF. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL ENGAGE IN A
DETAILED DISCUSSION AND THAT THE MEETING COULD LAST UP TO
TWO HOURS. THE NEW SCHEDULE, HOWEVER, MIGHT CAUSE THE
PRESIDENT TO SHORTEN THE MEETING.

(B) SINCE WE ARE HOPEFUL OF TWO HOURS WITH THE PRESIDENT
AND BELIEVE THAT A CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER, FOREIGN
MINISTER, AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE AS A GROUP SHOULD BE
SCHEDULED FOR AT LEAST ONE HOUR, BELIEVE SCHEDULE ON
24TH IS EXTREMELY TIGHT. WHILE WE CAN APPRECIATE THE
ADVANTAGES OF HAVING SUBSTANTIVE DISUCSSIONS ALL OCCUR

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ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE VISIT, BELIEVE WASHINGTON MIGHT
WISH TO CONSIDER HOLDING MEETING WITH THREE-MINISTER
GROUP ON MAY 25. AS WE SEE IT, CALL ON THE PRESIDENT
COULD NOT BE BEFORE 1500 WHICH WOULD MEAN THAT CALL ON
THE THREE-MINISTER GROUP WOULD BE AT 1715. FOLLOWING
THIS CALL DR. BRZEZINSKI WOULD HAVE ONLY TIME TO RETURN
TO THE RESIDENCE FOR THE SMALL RECEPTION.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY WASHINGTON COMMENTS
FOLLOWING CONSIDERATION OF ABOVE POINTS.
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